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Subject: Financial Assistance for Remedying Gasoline Ether Contamination

To: Owners of Private Water Supplies in New Hampshire

On July 1, 2001, the New Hampshire Legislature enacted a new program under state statute RSA 146-G - the Gasoline Remediation & Elimination of Ethers (GREE) Fund. This new financial assistance program is available to owners of private water supplies impacted by gasoline ether contamination typically, methyl tertiary butyl ether, or "MtBE". On January 28, 2002, the Oil Fund Disbursement Board (Board) adopted N.H. Admin. Rule Odb 601, which specifies eligible cost criteria and procedures for receiving assistance under the program. The Board is responsible for administration of the new GREE fund, with assistance from the Oil Remediation & Compliance Bureau (ORCB). The purpose of this correspondence is to apprise you of this new program, and to outline the procedures necessary to obtain assistance. Detailed program information, including a copy of Odb 601 and forms, may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at (603) 271-2370, or Talcott Hubbard, P.E. at (603) 271-2014. Or, you may "download" information directly at www.des.state.nh.us/orcb_hwrp.htm.

Scope of the GREE Fund Program:

Owners of private water supplies may receive funding for the costs to replace a contaminated water supply well or to connect to an existing municipal water supply distribution system. The ORCB can provide temporary drinking water by way of bottled water and/or a "point-of-entry" treatment system, using ORCB contractors, until a permanent remedy is implemented. In addition, the GREE fund is available to fund construction of an extension of a municipal water supply distribution system to assist multiple owners of contaminated private water supplies in an impacted area. Please note the ORCB must pre-approve all work for both scope and budget. In addition, the Board must specifically authorize all municipal water supply distribution system construction projects. Although the GREE fund is a "reimbursement" program for incurred eligible costs, only copies of invoiced expenses are needed to demonstrate those costs. Proof of payment is not required, and GREE fund monies may be paid directly to a contractor or vendor for approved work.

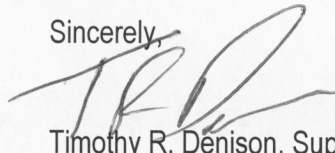
Obtaining GREE Fund Assistance:

The first step in seeking assistance is to contact the ORCB if MtBE contamination is detected in a private water supply. Typically, the owner will provide notification by submitting a laboratory report of the analysis of a sample of their well water. The chosen course of action will depend on the concentration detected

relative to the state drinking water standard of 13 parts per billion. Mr. Hubbard, or an ORCB project manager, will coordinate providing temporary water and will discuss options regarding a permanent remedy for the problem. Concurrently, ORCB representatives may perform a limited field assessment to identify likely contaminant sources in the area and to sample the wells of other adjacent properties. Depending on the specific circumstances or whether a municipality will be involved in a permanent remedy, the services of a qualified engineer or geologist may be needed to evaluate alternatives. Working with the engineer or geologist, an ORCB project manager and Mr. Hubbard will ascertain the need for in-depth contaminant source investigation work, and will provide guidance for the scope of a permanent remedy alternative analysis. Again, all work must be pre-approved for scope and budget. Reimbursement claims may be submitted for costs incurred for qualified and completed work.

If you have questions regarding this letter, the scope of the GREE fund program, or need specific guidance, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'TRD', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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